

The Colonel cannot conclude this order, without expressing his admiration at the brave and intrepid conduct displayed by our native Allies on every occasion since these operations commenced, and more particularly during the assault of the Pah, on which occasion their bravery was fully equal to what might be expected from the bravest of Her Majesty's troops.

The Colonel Commanding feels the greatest regret at the loss of so many brave men as have been killed and wounded on this occasion; but it will be considered as an alleviation by their friends, that they have fallen while nobly performing their duty to their Queen and country.

By order,
(Signed) C. P. O'CONNELL, A. B. M.

List of Killed and Wounded at the Attack made on Kawitis Pah, at Ruapikapika, on the 10th and 11th of January 1846.

Her Majesty's ship Castor—7 seamen killed; 10 seamen, 2 marines, severely wounded.
Her Majesty's ship North Star, 1 marine killed; 2 seamen severely wounded; Mr. Murray, Midshipman, included.
Her Majesty's ship Calliope—1 marine killed; 1 marine severely wounded.
Her Majesty's sloop Racehorse—1 seaman severely wounded.
Honourable East India Company's sloop Elphinstone—1 seaman severely wounded.

*H.M.S. Castor, Kawa Kawa River,
Bay of Islands, 13th January 1846.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Excellency a copy of Commander Hay's letter to me, descriptive of the services of the naval and marine force under his command at the operations against the insurgent natives in this neighbourhood; and, in doing so, it is my pleasant duty further to report to your Excellency that, although I was not present myself in the Pah at the successful capture of it, but in one of the batteries, still, from having been in the camp during the last three weeks advancing, and having constantly witnessed the great exertions of the officers, seamen, and marines of the ships under my command, and those of the Honourable East India Company's ship Elphinstone, in assisting in getting up the guns through a very hilly country, and other heavy work in erecting batteries and conducting the firing from them in breaching, shelling, and rocketing the Pah, &c., and the weather having been very wet, causing the roads (which had to be cut through woods and over hills in a hitherto untraversed country) to be very difficult, also all hands having had to live under what shelter they

could temporarily contrive out of the bush, I consider their conduct worthy of the warmest admiration.

The unwearied zeal, exertions, and attention to their respective departments exhibited by Captain Sir Everard Home, Bart., C.B. (to whom I appointed the duty of defending a Pah, at our landing-place, six miles up the river and twelve from the Pah destroyed; also to keep up the communication with the ships, which the rebels were expected to attempt to cut off, by Commander Hay, of Her Majesty's ship Racehorse, and Capt. Young, of the Honourable East India Company's sloop Elphinstone, demand my thanks to them; and it is my pleasant duty to report the same to your Excellency.

I have equal satisfaction in corroborating the statements made by Commander Hay, respecting the officers and men under his orders, as I placed him in command of the whole naval party, acting under the directions of Colonel Despard, the military Commander of the operations.

It is melancholy that so many fine young men have fallen in this successful affair; and it is only due to Mr. Kidd, the surgeon of this ship, to report his great attention and aid, not only to our wounded people, but also to those of the friendly natives.

I have, in conclusion, to acquaint your Excellency, that reports from the officers appointed to command the various different parties connected with these brisk operations invariably gratify me, by reporting most favourably on the conduct of the respective officers and men under them; but it would be unjust for me to forward particular cases, when all hands have done their duty gallantly and willingly through this very rough service.

The force landed from Her Majesty's ships, previous to my arrival on the 13th December last, was 171, including officers and marines; the Castor landed 188; the Elphinstone 54; when the Calliope arrived, the Osprey's men were sent to their vessel (her services being required for the protection of the British residents on the Hokianga river), and were replaced by 40 seamen and all the marines of that ship, making a total of those engaged in the affair from the ships about 340, 93 of whom were marines, who were brigaded under Captain Langford, R.M., of the North Star, with the military, and consequently it is not der my exact province to report upon their proceedings; but having witnessed the exertions of the officers and men belonging to that distinguished corps on this occasion, I trust your Excellency will hold me excused for bringing the same to your notice.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C. GRAHAM,

Captain and Senior Officer at New Zealand.

*To His Excellency Rear Admiral
Sir T. Cochrane, C.B. Com-
mander in Chief, &c. &c.*